

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A specimen centrifuge apparatus comprising:

a rotating disc having a ~~plurality of~~ slots arranged radially from a rotation axis ~~of the rotating disc~~, the slots being closed at radial outermost ends thereof such that the rotating disc comprises a continuous circumference; and

specimen container buckets mounted in the slots, each of the buckets ~~being located such that a longitudinal direction of a container storing section of the bucket~~ having a rectangular parallelepiped frame containing a ~~plurality of~~ tube-type specimen containers is set toward arranged in a line in a radial direction of the rotating disc and being shakably mounted in the slots such that a bottom of the ~~container storing section~~ bucket is set in a ~~circumferential~~ direction ~~of~~ perpendicular to the rotating disc by centrifugal force caused when the rotation disc rotates.

2. (Canceled)